

# HOMEWORK - 3

## Exercise 1:

Show that

$$P(X=x) = F(x^+) - F(x^-)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{eg. } F(x_2) - F(x_1)$$

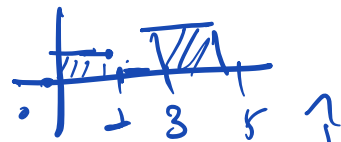
$$= P(X \leq x_2) - P(X \leq x_1)$$

\* This can also be proved by definition

## Exercise 4: (Basic question) \*

Let  $X$  have probability density function:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1/4 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 3/8 & 1 < x < 3 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



a) Find CDF (need to integrate)

$$\therefore F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x/4 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 1/4 & 1 < x < 3 \\ 1/4 + \frac{3}{8}(x-3) & 3 < x < 5 \\ 1 & x > 5 \end{cases}$$

(b) let  $Y = \frac{1}{X}$ . Find the probability density function (PDF)  $f_Y(y)$  for  $Y$ .

→ Hint: Consider 3 cases

$$-\frac{1}{5} \leq y \leq \frac{1}{3}$$

$$-\frac{1}{3} \leq y \leq 1$$

$$= y \geq 1$$

$$\therefore F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P\left(\frac{1}{X} \leq y\right)$$

$$= \underline{P(X \geq 1/y)}$$

Limit for  $y$ .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Limit for } x: 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 3 \leq x \leq 5 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 1 \leq y \leq \infty \\ \frac{1}{3} \leq y \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{5} \leq y \leq \frac{1}{3} \end{array}$$

∴

$$F_Y(y) = P(X > 1/y) = \int_{1/y}^5 f_X(x) dx$$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & y < 0 \\ \frac{3}{8} (5 - 1/y) & \frac{1}{5} \leq y \leq 1/3 \\ \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{3} \leq y \leq 1 \\ \frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{4} (1 - \frac{1}{y}) & y \geq 1 \end{cases} \begin{matrix} \\ 3 \leq x \leq 5 \\ 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{matrix}$$

Note: Try to simulate ex 4 using R and Python.

Exercise 5:

5. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be discrete random variables. Show that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent if and only if  $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ .

$X$  &  $Y \rightarrow$  discrete random variables  
independent if & only if

$$f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y) \\ = P(X=x)P(Y=y)$$

if independent then

$$P(X \in A, Y \in B) = P(X \in A)P(Y \in B)$$

for all events  $A, B$

$\therefore$

$$P(X \in A, Y \in B) = \sum_{x \in A} \sum_{y \in B} f(x,y)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in A} \sum_{y \in B} f_X(x)f_Y(y)$$

which can be broken down  
to

$$\sum_{x \in A} f_X(x) \sum_{y \in B} f_Y(y) = P(X \in A) P(Y \in B)$$

hence independent

7. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent and suppose that each has a Uniform(0, 1) distribution. Let  $Z = \min\{X, Y\}$ . Find the density  $f_Z(z)$  for  $Z$ . Hint: It might be easier to first find  $\mathbb{P}(Z > z)$ .

Let  $X$  &  $Y$  be independent

$$\Rightarrow X \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow Y \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$$

$$\text{Let } Z = \min\{X, Y\}$$

• Firstly:

$$\mathbb{P}(Z > z) = \mathbb{P}(X > z, Y > z)$$

$$= [1 - F_X(z)] [1 - F_Y(z)]$$

Since both  $F_X$  &  $F_Y$  are CDF of Uniform then:

$$F_x(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ x & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$F_y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & y \leq 0 \\ y & 0 < y \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

∴

$$F_z(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & z \leq 0 \\ 2z - z^2 & 0 < z < 1 \\ 1 & z > 1 \end{cases}$$

[CDF]

$$f_z(z) = F'_z(z)$$

$$f_z(z) = \begin{cases} 0 & z \leq 0 \\ 2 - 2z & 0 < z < 1 \\ 0 & z > 1 \end{cases}$$

10. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent. Show that  $g(X)$  is independent of  $h(Y)$  where  $g$  and  $h$  are functions.

$X$  &  $Y$  are independent

$\therefore$  Show that  $g(X)$  &  $h(Y)$  are independent

$\Rightarrow$

$$g^{-1}(A) = \{x : g(x) \in A\}$$

$$h^{-1}(B) = \{y : h(y) \in B\}$$

$\therefore$

$$P(g(X) \in A, h(Y) \in B)$$

$$= P(X \in g^{-1}(A), Y \in h^{-1}(B))$$

$$= P(X \in g^{-1}(A)) P(Y \in h^{-1}(B))$$

$$= P(g(X) \in A) P(h(Y) \in B)$$

$\therefore$  independent



12. Prove Theorem 2.33. ✖

Suppose that the range of  $X$  and  $Y$  is a (possibly infinite) rectangle. If  $f(x, y) = g(x)h(y)$  for some functions  $g$  and  $h$  (not necessarily probability density functions) then  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.

Solution:

• Given that  $f$  is the joint PDF of  $X$  &  $Y$

$$\rightarrow f_X(x) = \int f(x, y) dy = \int g(x) h(y) dy$$

$$= g(x) \int h(y) dy = \underline{H g(x)}$$

$$\rightarrow f_Y(y) = \int f(x, y) dx = \int g(x) h(y) dx$$

$$= h(y) \int g(x) dx = \underline{G h(y)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(x, y) &= f_X(x) f_Y(y) \\ &= H g(x) G h(y) \\ &= \underline{HG f(x, y)} \end{aligned}$$

∴ Fixing  $y = y_0$

$$\hookrightarrow \int f_X(x) f_Y(y_0) dx$$

$$= H G \int f(x, y_0) dx \Rightarrow f_X(y_0)$$

$$= H G f_Y(y_0) = H G = 1$$

and so

$$f_X(x) f_Y(y) = f(x, y)$$

∴ independent

14. Let  $(X, Y)$  be uniformly distributed on the unit disk  $\{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ . Let  $R = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$ . Find the CDF and PDF of  $R$ .

$$F_R(r) = P(R \leq r) = P(X^2 + Y^2 \leq r^2)$$

$$= \iint_{x^2 + y^2 \leq r^2} f(x, y) dx dy$$

↳  $\frac{\text{area of radius } r}{\text{area radius } 1}$   
 $= \frac{\pi r^2}{\pi} = r^2$

↳ Area of circle of radius:  $r$

$$F_R(1) = 1 \quad \therefore$$

CDF

$$F_R(r) = \begin{cases} 0 & r \leq 0 \\ r^2 & 0 < r \leq 1 \\ 1 & r > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f_R(r) = \begin{cases} 2r & 0 < r \leq 1 \\ 0 & r \leq 0 \\ & r > 1 \end{cases}$$

18. Let  $X \sim N(3, 16)$ . Solve the following using the Normal table and using a computer package.

- (a) Find  $\mathbb{P}(X < 7)$ .
- (b) Find  $\mathbb{P}(X > -2)$ .
- (c) Find  $x$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(X > x) = .05$ .
- (d) Find  $\mathbb{P}(0 \leq X < 4)$ .
- (e) Find  $x$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(|X| > |x|) = .05$ .

\* We can also use computer package scipy.stats to compute expressions.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } \mathbb{P}(X < 7) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X-3}{\sqrt{16}} < \frac{7-3}{\sqrt{16}}\right) = \mathbb{P}(Z < 1) \\ &= \Phi(1) = 0.8413 // \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b) } \mathbb{P}(X > -2) &= \mathbb{P}\left(\frac{X-3}{4} > \frac{-2-3}{4}\right) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(Z > -5/4) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(Z < -5/4) \\ &= 1 - \Phi(-5/4) = 0.8944 // \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$P(X > x) = 0.5$$

$$\therefore 1 - F_X(x) = 0.5 \Rightarrow F_X(x) = 0.95$$

$$x \in F_X^{-1}(0.95) \approx 9.5794$$

d)

$$P(0 \leq x < 4) = P\left(\frac{0-3}{4} < z < \frac{4-3}{4}\right)$$

$$= \Phi(1/4) - \Phi(-3/4) = 0.3721 \checkmark$$

e) ~~\*~~

$$P(|X| > |x|) = 0.5 \text{ for constant } c \geq 0$$

$$\therefore P(|X| > c) = 1 - P(|X| \leq c)$$

$$= 1 - P(-c \leq x \leq c)$$

$$= 1 - P\left(\frac{-c-3}{4} \leq \frac{c-3}{4}\right)$$

$$= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{c-3}{4}\right) + \Phi\left(-\frac{c-3}{4}\right)$$

$$= 2 - 2\Phi\left(\frac{c-3}{4}\right) = 0.975$$

$$\hookrightarrow c = 4\Phi^{-1}(0.975) + 3$$

$$\leadsto 10.8399 //$$